

## CAPSULE SUMMARY

Old Log House

BA-670

1 Church Road

Baltimore County, MD

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Old Log House Inventory Number: BA-670  
Address: 1 Church Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Owings Mill Zip Code: 21117-3223 County: Baltimore County  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Reisterstown  
Property Owner: Kathleen Minerva Cohen, Marcene Ruth Dolgof, ET AL Tax Account ID Number: 0404075425  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 162 Tax Map Number: 58  
Project: BA451A11 Agency: SHA  
Agency Prepared By: McCormick Taylor, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: Jerry Clouse Date Prepared: 2/13/2009  
Documentation is presented in: Elizabeth Anderson Comer/Archeology 2008  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

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The house at 1 Church Road is not architecturally significant and is not individually eligible for the National Register. In addition, it does not retain sufficient integrity to be considered a contributing element of a historic district, if one were present. However,

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments:

Jim Tullman  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. Kuntz  
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/17/09

Date

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the immediate area does not retain sufficient cohesiveness to be considered a historic district.

A field verification of the property was conducted by McCormick Taylor in February 2009. The current conditions of the property are consistent with those described by EAC/Archeology (2007).

1 Church Road is not architecturally or historically significant. The property is not directly associated with events or patterns significant to local, state, or national history (Criterion A). The property is not associated with any person important to local, state, or national history (Criterion B). The building does not possess exceptional characteristics of homes of the period, is not a work of a master, and does not possess high artistic value (Criterion C). The property does not appear likely to yield significant archaeological information about history or prehistory (Criterion D). The property at 1 Church Road is recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

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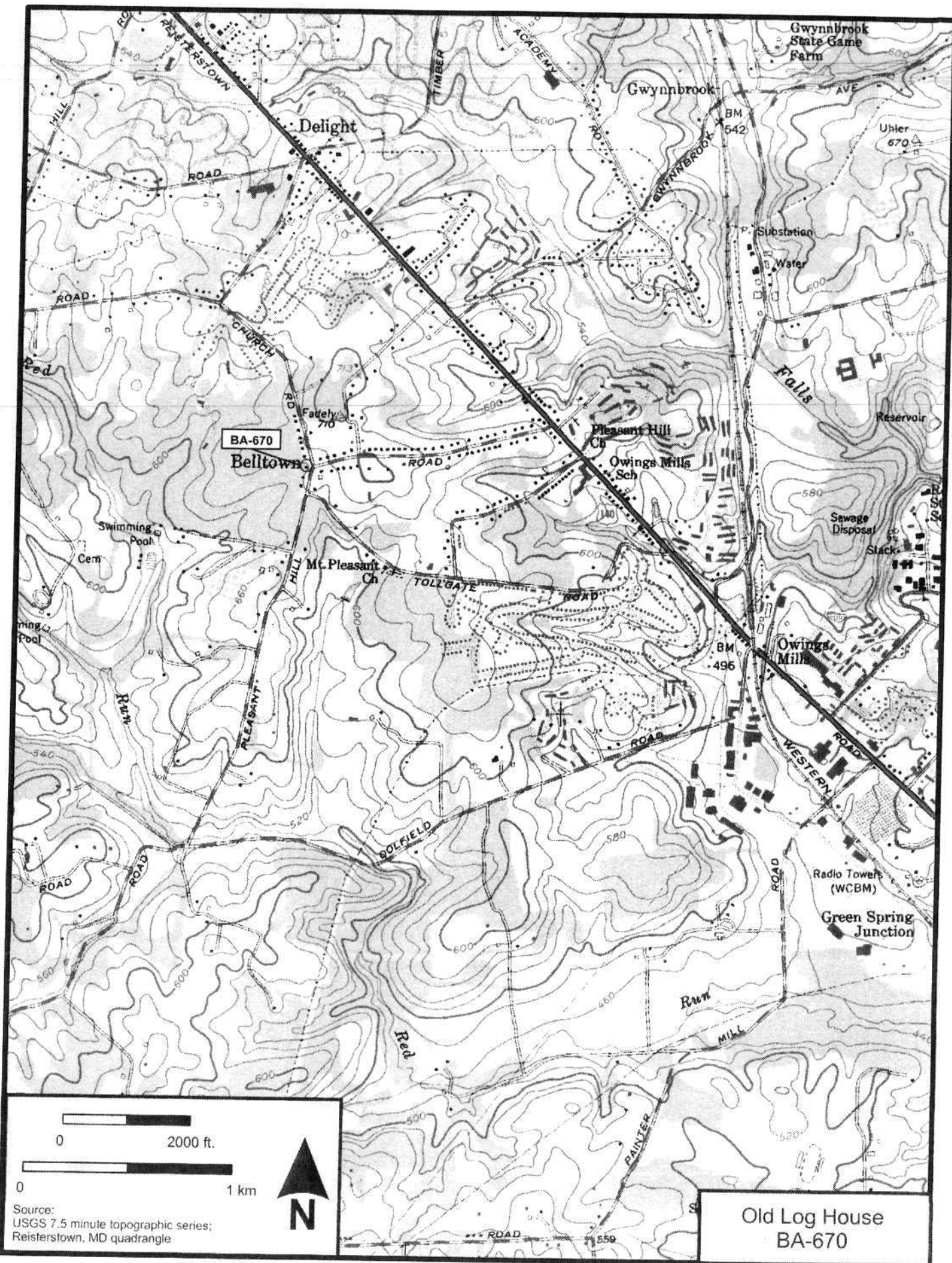
Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

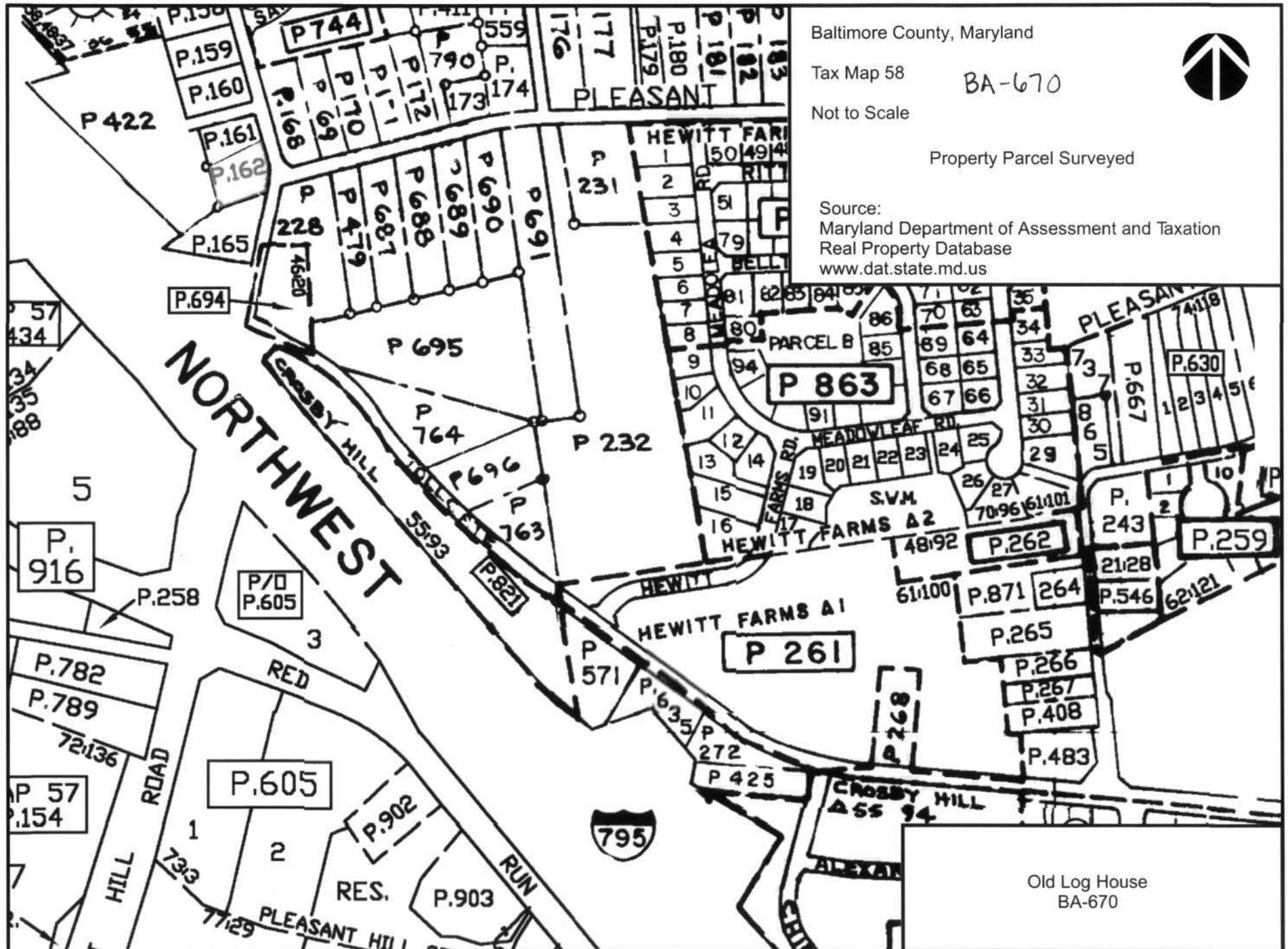
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
Date









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1 Church Road

Baltimore County

Charles Richmond

2/2009

MD SHPO

View Looking northwest at South end east  
elevations

1/2

METROPHOTO <NO. 6> 012 BN  
0797 033+2-1 N-7 39 ACh-02 GR08 MoF 2079.0/100.0





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Old Leo House

1 Church Road

Baltimore County, MD

Charles Richmond

2/2009

MD SHPO

View Looking southwest at north and east  
elevation

2/2

METROPHOTO <NO> 013 BN  
0797 033+2-1 N-6 NN ACH-01 GR08 MoF 2079.0/100.0

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1 Church Road  
Owings Mills  
ca. 1953  
private

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of

### Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-670

#### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 1 Church Road

#### 2. Location

street and number 1 Church Road not for publication

city, town Owings Mills ☒ vicinity

county Baltimore

#### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kathleen M. Cohen and Marcene R. Dolgoff et al

street and number 1 Church Road telephone

city, town Owings Mills state MD zip code 21117-2409

#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courts Building liber 6811 folio 439

city, town Towson tax map 58 tax parcel 162 tax ID number 0404075425

#### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☒ Other: Baltimore County Office of Planning Survey 2003

#### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

1 Church Road is an asymmetrical, one-story house covered with aluminum siding on a concrete block foundation with a gable roof, a large exterior chimney, and a side entry porch.

The side-gable roof has a low pitch and is covered with asphalt shingles. The north portion of the house has a higher roof line than the south portion of the house. The larger exterior chimney is on the south façade of the house. The concrete block foundation is exposed entirely on the south façade.

The windows are single or paired with one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The front doorway is in the north portion of the house.

The side entry porch is constructed of concrete, five steps above grade and on the south façade .

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates ca. 1953

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

1 Church Road lacks any historic architectural features to make it a good example of architecture in the Belltown community. The Belltown community includes two communities living side by side: the African-American community of Belltown which is centered around the Mount Pleasant A.M.E. Church on Tollgate Road and in the early twentieth-century expanded on to Featherbed Lane, and the European-American community located around the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Church Road where the Bell store was once located.

1 Church Road was one of the properties that Perry F. and Helen M. Lowe leased with a ninety-nine year, renewable lease in the 1870s.

It is stated in the previous MIHP form for this structure that this dwelling was originally a log structure. The dwelling does not appear to be composed of a log structure but it is difficult to tell. It is possible that a log structure did occupy the property before the current dwelling was constructed. Aerial photographs from 1938, 1943 and 1952 show a structure on the northeast corner of parcel 161. Parcel 161 and 162 were combined to make one larger parcel until 1948 when they were divided. The current structure is located on Parcel 162 and sets further back from Church Road than the structure in the aerial photographs. This information indicates that the structure discussed in the MIHP form is the structure in the aerial photographs and was razed at some point after 1952.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .47  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Reistertown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property has a rectangular shape and is located on the west side of Church Road opposite the right-angle of Pleasant Hill Road where Pleasant Hill Road intersects with Church Road. The property is bounded on the east by Church Road and Pleasant Hill Road, on the west by tax parcel 422, on the north by 5 Church Road, and on the south by 204 Pleasant Hill Road.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Christine Toms/Architectural Historian		
organization	Elizabeth A. Comer Archaeology	date	December 2007
street & number	4303 N. Charles Street	telephone	410-243-6767
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Department of Planning  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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E.H.T. Traceries

2003 *Baltimore County Architectural Survey: African American Thematic Study, Final Report.* Report prepared for The Baltimore County Office of Planning and The Landmarks Preservation Commission, Towson, MD.

Fischler, Benjamin R., Jean W. French, and Elizabeth A. Comer

2007 *Phase I Archaeological Investigation of the Proposed Dolfield Boulevard Extension Between Reisterstown Road and Tollgate Road, Baltimore County, MD.* Draft report prepared by Elizabeth A. Comer Archaeology for Patton Harris Rust & Associates, P.C., Columbia, MD.

Baltimore County Deed and Plat Books. Baltimore County Court Clerks Office, Baltimore County Courts Building, Towson, MD.

Aerial Photographs, National Archives Cartographic Collection. National Archives, College Park, MD.



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Baltimore County, MD  
Christine Toms  
October 2007  
view northwest, front and south façades  
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Christine Toms  
October 2007  
view northwest, south façade  
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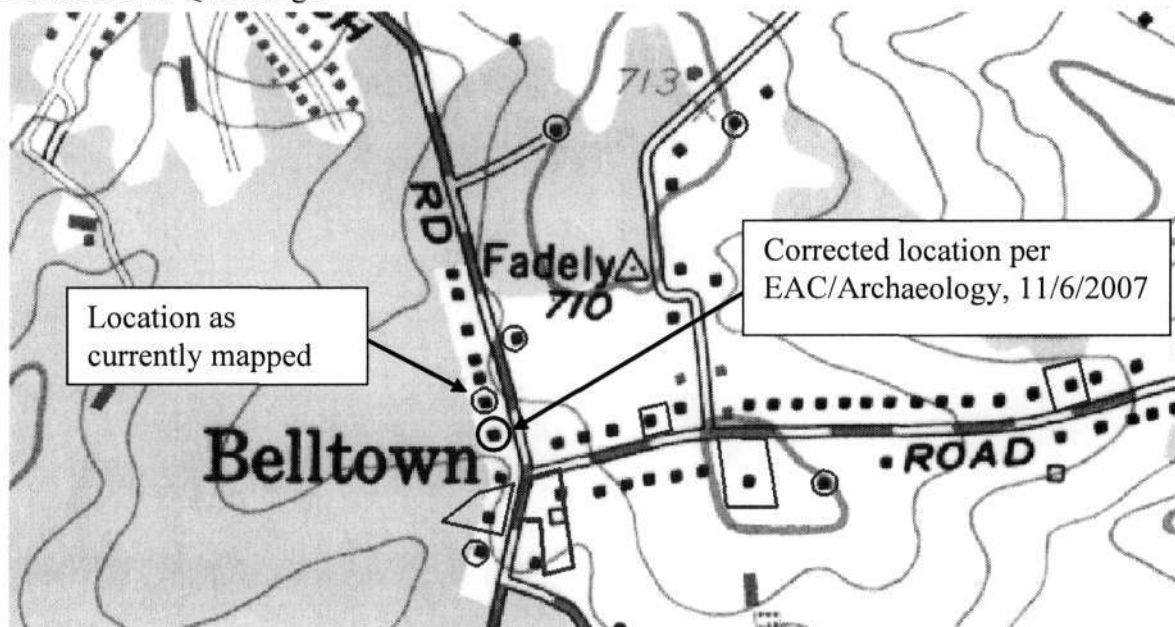
c. 1876-1877

Old Log House, site  
1 Church Road, Owings Mills  
Private

**OLD LOG HOUSE** - 18\_\_ - 1 Church Road, west side, in Belltown, opposite right-angle bend in Pleasant Hill Road. In 1973, house was reported in path of proposed alignment of relocated U.S. 140, but plan was later revised. Small, one-story, frame vernacular style house, clapboard or siding-covering over logs. Gable roof; modern entrance wing on south. Excellent condition. Owner: Jesse K. Ducoane.



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Old Log House  
Reisterstown Quadrangle



Parcels 161 and 162 comprise the northernmost, and chronologically first (1876), of the four lots the Lowe family subdivided as 99-year leaseholds in the late-19<sup>th</sup>. The first owner, David Slade, is shown in this approximate location on the 1877 map of Baltimore County, suggesting a c. 1876-1877 building here. The residential structure within Parcel 162 (1 Church Road) is currently listed in the MIHP as structure BA-670, based on the 1973 form by Roland Fox with the comment that an older log structure is hidden within this modern-looking structure. However, examination of this house in 2003 led former county historian John McGrain to question this interpretation. Examination of deeds and aerial photographs supports McGrain's view. Deeds from 1876 to 1948 included both modern Parcel 162 and the modern parcel to the north (Parcel 161) and the metes-and-bounds descriptions are identical in all of these deeds, as detailed in Table 6.D.1. It is apparent that Parcels 161 and 162 were divided from one another in 1952, as deeds from 1952 to 1984 all included only modern Parcel 162 and the metes-and-bounds descriptions are identical in all of these deeds. Aerial photographs from 1938, 1943, and 1952 all show a structure at the northeast corner of Parcel 161. The fact that Parcels 161 and 162 were combined as one larger lot up to 1952 suggests that the structure on the aerials is most probably the log house reported by the Fox brothers. The current structure on Parcel 161 is set-back further from Church Road. So, it appears that the log house remembered by the Fox brothers was on modern Parcel 161 and was razed in 1952 or later, while the current structures on Parcels 161 and 162 are both post-1952. The title chain for Parcel 162 indicates six owners for the larger (1876-1952) lot. It appears likely that the first three owners were not resident on this lot and probably rented the property to others. In contrast, oral historical sources state that the fourth owners (Henry and Rachel Clark) did live on this property (Forbes 1988; Diggs 1996). According to these sources, the Clarks were African-Americans and active members of the Mt. Pleasant A.M.E church community who raised a large family at this home. It is likely that the Clarks lived here before 1911, renting from previous owners. In 1935 the elderly Clarks sold the Parcel 161/162 lot to a local developer, Goucher Tase, and moved to a lot on Featherbed Lane.